

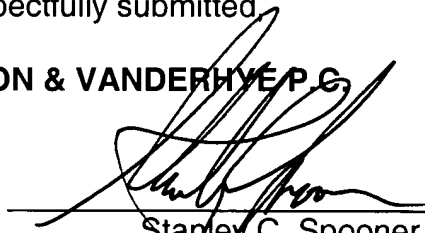
**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims, without prejudice. Claims 10-12 have been cancelled. Claim 3 has been amended to improve clarity. The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent applications and to add an Abstract of the Invention.

Respectfully submitted

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